

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An additive composition for cement comprising the following component (A):

(A) a polycarboxylic acid series esterified copolymer obtained by esterifying a part or whole of carboxylic acid groups of

(a) a polycarboxylic acid series copolymer having a polyoxyalkylene chain with

(b) a derivative of an alcohol having a polyoxyalkylene chain ~~and,~~  
wherein said derivative of an alcohol having a polyoxyalkylene chain is represented  
 by the following formula (1):



wherein  $R^1$  represents a group of a heterocyclic ring having a nitrogen atom or a group represented by the following formula (2),



$R^2$  and  $R^3$  represent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 6 carbon atom(s), respectively and independently, "AO" represents an oxyalkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, and "n1" represents an average mole number of addition of said oxyalkylene group and is ~~1 to 8;~~ 1 to 8;

wherein a cement prepared with the additive exhibits a slump peak at a time point of more than 30 minutes after mixing at ~~30°C;~~ 30°C; and

said component (A) comprises a copolymer comprising, as essential monomers,

(c) a polyoxyalkylene compound represented by the following formula (4),



wherein in the formula, R<sup>4</sup> represents an unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen atom or a saturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 8 carbon atom(s), "AO" represents an oxyalkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, and "n2" represents an average mole number of addition of said oxyalkylene group and is 10 to 100), and

(d) an unsaturated polyvalent carboxylic acid series compound; and

the additive composition comprising component (C) a polycarboxylic acid series copolymer having a polyoxyalkylene chain, wherein the weight ratio of the components (A) and (C) is 30:70 to 80:20.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The additive for cement of claim 3,~~composition of claim 1, wherein R<sup>5</sup> represents hydrogen atom or a saturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 4 carbon atom(s) and said oxyalkylene group constituting AO comprises an oxyethylene group in a ratio of 50 mole % or more.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The additive for cement of claim 3,~~composition of claim 1, wherein said unsaturated polyvalent carboxylic acid series compound comprises a maleic acid series compound.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~An additive composition for cement comprising the additive for cement~~The additive composition of claim 1 and the following component (B). (B) a derivative of an alcohol having polyoxyalkylene and represented by the following formula (1)



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a group of a heterocyclic ring having a nitrogen atom or a group represented by the following formula (2),



$R^2$  and  $R^3$  represent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 6 carbon atom(s), respectively and independently, "AO" represents an oxyalkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, and "n1" represents an average mole number of addition of said oxyalkylene group and is 1 to 8.

7-8. (Canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) The additive composition ~~for cement of claim 8, of~~  
claim 6, wherein the molecular weight of a polyoxyalkylene compound used as a material for producing the component (A) and the amine value of a mixture of said components (A), (B) and (C) satisfy the following formula (3c):

Molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene compound used as a material for producing the component (A)/ amine value of a mixture of said components (A), (B) and (C) = 15 to 150 .....(3c).

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The additive composition ~~for cement of claim 10, of~~  
claim 1, wherein the molecular weight of a polyoxyalkylene compound used as a material for producing the component (A) and the amine value of a mixture of said components (A) and (C) satisfy the following formula (3d):

Molecular weight of polyoxyalkylene compound used as a material for producing the component (A)/ amine value of a mixture of said components (A) and (C) = 15 to 150 .....(3d).

12. (Currently Amended) The additive composition of claim 1, wherein "n1" represents an average mole number of addition of said oxyalkylene group and is 6 or lower.

13. (Currently Amended) The additive of ~~claim 12~~, composition of claim 1, wherein "n1" represents an average mole number of addition of said oxyalkylene group and is 4 or lower.

14. (Canceled)